

## Aloha Friday



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# Outrigger Waikiki's New Club Lounge

The beachfront Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort is opening a new Voyager 47 Club Lounge this Jul, offering locally sourced bites, premium coffee, craft beer and specialty cocktails with views of Diamond Head (pictured).

The lounge is available exclusively to resort

guests staying in Voyager 47 Club level rooms and all suites, and can also be booked out for private events.





#### Mele Mei 2018

The eighth Annual Mele Mei Celebration will run Apr-Jun and this year is set to be the biggest so far says, says Hawaii Tourism. Mele Mei is celebrated with various music and hula events throughout the two months held in locations across the island state. Highlights include traditional Hawaiian music, island reggae and even rock performances. See melemei.com



Highlights of the lounge include breakfast bites and Kona coffee in the mornings, a dedicated club concierge, a tasting menu, pupu platters and local wines at sunset as well as complimentary two-day Tesla test drives (dependent on availability).

#### ... Upgrade Offer

To celebrate the opening, Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort has an upgrade offer; clients who book a Voyager 47 Club City View room will get a complimentary upgrade to a Voyager 47 Club Partial Ocean View room, available for bookings by 14 Apr, for travel 01 Jul-31 Dec. See outrigger.com

#### **Waikiki-Kualoa Bus**

The International Market Place in Waikiki has opened a new bus depot—and Kualoa Ranch is the first tourism partner. The move means passengers can connect from Waikiki to the ranch on bus services operated by Roberts Hawaii. Kualoa Ranch's director of operations Pete Sherbrick says the ranch is 'extremely excited' to partner with International Market Place.

Highlights of the revamped International Market Place include the Grand Lanai, an open air multi restaurant dining mecca; and The Street Food Hall, where guests can buy the Street Party pass and sample food from a number of stations. There's also free daily storytelling hula shows, alongside a swag of retails shops. Located on level 1 near Saks Fifth Avenue, the bus depot will be open daily.



#### **HA's Reef Friendly Move**

Hawaiian Airlines has become the official partner of Raw Elements USA, a natural and reef safe sun care company dedicated to protecting the environment.

As part of the partnership, HA will be offering passengers on board its flights ex North America to Hawaii free samples of the Raw products in Apr.

The partnership was created in support of the airline's ongoing sustainability initiatives, which also includes a new educational in-flight video, *Reefs at Risk*, to educate guests on the impact of sunscreens on Hawaii's coral reefs.

#### **Sunday Sessions**

Every Sun the Surfjack Hotel & Swim Club on Waikiki's Lewers St will feature live entertainment from Jegaan Faye 1900-2100. See surfjack.com



#### **Travel In Time**

Waimea Valley on Oahu's North Shore features a partially intact ahupuaa, where Hawaiians once lived before coming into contact with the west. Hawaii Tourism says clients can walk through the valley to see how Hawaiians once lived and worshipped, and also learn traditional arts such as hula, lei stringing, lauhala weaving and stone carving from Hawaiian cultural practitioners. See waimeavalley.net

#### **HA Agents Fares**

Hawaiian Airlines has firm agent fares to Honolulu of \$659, inclusive, for the agent and a companion; with neighbour island add-ons for \$157 return. The fares are to be booked in O class, within 60 days prior to departure from Auckland. Consolidators have details.



#### **Royal Hawaiian Style**

The Royal Hawaiian Resort transforms its oceanfront dinner show every Mon and Thu for Aha Aina, A Royal Hawaiian Luau- inspired by island tales of island royalties, and decadent feasts. The sit-down dinner show commemorates Hawaiian culture with traditional Hawaiian activities such as kappa-making, and poi-pounding. Clients can then dine on a variety of cuisines from the cultures that shaped Hawaii while listening to a storyteller.

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HA is now selling fares: ex ZQN/DUD/CHC/NSN/WLG/PMR/NPE & NPL with JQ to HNL & beyond

See GDS for details

